

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Munford High School Academic Decathlon Team upon their performance in the state competition.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those exemplary young people who, through their peerless academic endeavors, have brought great honor upon themselves, their school and their community; and

WHEREAS, Munford High School's Academic Decathlon Team recently captured fourth place in the state finals of the U.S. Academic Decathlon competition at Austin Peay State University; and

WHEREAS, despite rigorous and intense competition, the Munford team finished with more medals and points than any other team since the school began competing in the decathlon a decade ago; and

WHEREAS, teams and contestants compete in several academically challenging categories, including math, science, social studies, fine arts, language/literature, and economics, in addition to the speech, interview, and essay competitions added at the state level; and

WHEREAS, each of the individual members of the team made significant contributions to the astounding overall success of the squad; these brilliant young men and women are: Brad Edmonson, Wesley Burke, Stephanie Ervin, John Mathis, Barbara Russell, Jennifer Kaneer, Tressa Thomas, Jason Caldon and Randy Hines; and

WHEREAS, Brad Edmonson displayed his academic prowess as the silver medal winner in economics, social studies, fine arts and language literature; he further demonstrated his

talents by winning the bronze medal in the math, science, and essay competitions and placed third in the honors division; and

WHEREAS, Wesley Burke excelled with gold honors in the interview and silver medal honors in social studies and language/literature; in addition, Wesley captured bronze medals in economics and speech and placed fourth in the honors division; and

WHEREAS, as a part of this remarkable group, Stephanie Ervin persevered and emerged with a bronze in the speech competition; and

WHEREAS, John Mathis was honored with a gold medal in fine arts and a silver medal in math, bronze medals in economics, social studies, and language/literature, and he placed fourth in the scholastic division; and

WHEREAS, two other exemplary team members received appropriate merit: Barbara Russell was awarded a silver medal for her excellent efforts in the fine arts competition, and Jennifer Kaneer was the deserving recipient of a silver medal in economics and a bronze medal in math; and

WHEREAS, much of the remarkable success of the Munford High School team is directly attributable to the expertise and diligence of lead instructor, Peter Jennings, and fellow coaches: Betty Davis, Connie Fisher, Joe Laxton, Mary Ann Smith, and Bonnie Wicker; and

WHEREAS, the dedication and devotion of Munford High School's team is commendable as they continue the school's academic and intellectual legacy by being the fifth Munford team in the last five years to place in the top five of all high schools in our great state in this distinguished competition; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Munford High School's Academic Decathlon Team upon placing fourth in the state finals of the U.S. Academic Decathlon at Austin Peay State University.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to each of the above-named persons, with this final clause omitted from such copies.